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HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND,

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MANAGERS AND OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION.

MANAGERS FOR 1890.

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DENTAL SURGEON.

DR. A. C. COGSWELL.

VISITING DAY—WEDNESDAY, 3 P. M.

IN MEMORY
OF
JOHN S. MACLEAN, Esq.,
President of the Board of Managers
OF THE
HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

Who died at his residence in Halifax, Nova
Scotia, April 24th, 1889.

At the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Managers, which was held at the Institution. Murdoch Square, on May 2nd, 1889, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the Members of this Board place on the records of the Institution a Resolution expressive of their profound regret at the loss the Corporation, the Board of Managers, and the Pupils of the School for the Blind, have sustained through the death of the President, J. S. Maclean, who, since the inception of the work of educating the Blind, have taken a deep interest in its progress, and whose counsels at the meeting of the Board have always proved of the utmost value. The Members of the Board realize most keenly the full measure of this loss, but they are unable to give expression to the regret which is felt by the graduates and pupils of the School on the removal of one who always took a personal interest in the success and well-being of each and every pupil, and whose noble characteristics and kindly sympathy endeared him to them, and will make his memory sweet and pleasing to them until they are called to cross the River.

Resolved, That in the next Annual Report a Memorial page shall be devoted to our late President.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
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OF THE
HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

In submitting this, the Nineteenth Annual Report of the Halifax School for the Blind, the Board of Managers request for it the careful consideration of the members of this Corporation as well as of the public in general.

Commencing in August, 1870, with four pupils, the School has slowly but steadily increased in numbers up to the present time, when the total number of pupils enrolled is 33, of whom 31 are in actual attendance. During the earlier years, when the School was comparatively unknown, and when its field for usefulness was limited to the blind of the Province of Nova Scotia, the growth of the Institution was not in any way marked, but in recent years our constituency has been extended to the four Maritime Provinces, and a large increase in the number of pupils has been the result. During the year just closed, nine new pupils were admitted, and applications for three others accepted, and it is now apparent that the work being done by the School is being more than ever appreciated by the parents and relatives of those deprived of sight. Under these circumstances, your Board have taken into serious consideration the necessity of making provision for a larger School than we are at present in a position to accommodate, and so soon as the plans and specifications are agreed upon, we purpose seeking legislative and public assistance in providing funds towards the erection of at least one wing to the main building, of sufficient size to meet our requirements for at least a decade to come. The necessity that exists for this extension is fully set forth in the Report

of the Superintendent, and we trust that among the public-spirited friends of the Institution many will be found who are both able and willing to place the School in a position of increased usefulness to those for whose benefit it has been established.

The present condition of the several departments of the Institution is highly satisfactory to your Board, and we feel confident that with the educational advantages now given to the blind of the Provinces, they can be thoroughly fitted to maintain themselves after having graduated from the School. Of this we could adduce abundant evidence in addition to what the Superintendent has to say upon the subject, but let it suffice that on our staff of teachers are four graduates of the Institution who are specially qualified to successfully discharge the duties devolving upon them. The other members of the teaching staff are doing excellent work, and as the staff is sufficiently large to undertake the instruction of an increased number of pupils, the cost of carrying on the School in this respect will not be materially augmented.

Since the year 1882 your Board has had associated with them, as a co-worker, the Provincial Secretary of the Province of Nova Scotia, and our experience of this representation upon the governing body of the Institution has been in every way pleasing and satisfactory. In view of the fact that the Legislatures of the Provinces of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland annually appropriate sums of money towards the education of their respective blind in this Institution, we think that it would be satisfactory to these Legislatures, as well as to the parents and friends of the blind, to have the several Legislatures represented through their Provincial Secretaries or other Members of Government, upon the managing Board of this School, and hence we purpose, at the coming session of the Provincial Parliament, seeking such legislation as will enable us to thus increase the number of your Directors.

The memorial page which is inserted in this Report bears testimony to the worth and character of our late co-manager

and President Mr. J. S. Maclean, and we can only add that he will ever be regarded as one of the truest benefactors of the blind, and that the evident pleasure which he took in the work of this school has made his loss more deeply felt by all connected with the Institution.

It is gratifying to report that the health of the pupils has been good, and that with the exception of one young man who had to return to his home on account of the weak state of his lungs, we have had no cases of sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair, who have now presided over the domestic department for upwards of fourteen years, have discharged their duties to our entire satisfaction, and to Mrs. Blair's "ounce of prevention" is due in no small measure the satisfactory health of our boys and girls.

We have reason to acknowledge many acts of thoughtful kindness and timely help upon the part of ladies and gentlemen not directly connected with the school. Elsewhere will be found an acknowledgement of the contributions towards the Band Fund, which have enabled us to place in the hands of the pupils a new and superior set of brass instruments. Our thanks are due to the many volunteer readers, to the Sunday School teachers of the several denominations, and to those who by their kindly acts have contributed to make the school life of the pupils bright and enjoyable.

The Directors cannot close this report without again referring to the invaluable services of the Superintendent, Mr. C. F. Fraser, to whose wise administration and untiring zeal, the present happy state of the school in all its departments is so very largely due.

The thanks of the Managers are due to Doctors Lindsay, Dodge and Cogswell for their kindly attention to the pupils; to the Committees of the Orpheus Club and Y. M. C. Association for tickets to their excellent concerts and entertainments, and to the railway, steamship and coach proprietors for travelling privileges.

The Treasurer's statement which is herewith subjoined shows a balance of \$157.06 to credit of current account.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the President and Board of Directors of the Halifax School for the Blind :

GENTLEMEN :—

The table of attendance herewith submitted shows that 36 blind persons have been under instruction during the past year, 23 of whom were males and 13 females, 3 of these have since graduated or left the school and two others are for the present at their homes, making the actual attendance, Dec. 1st, 1889, 31, of whom 19 are males and 12 females. Of these 18 are from the Province of Nova Scotia, 10 from New Brunswick, 1 from Prince Edward Island and 2 from Newfoundland.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE.

	Boys.	Girls.	Adults.	Total.
Registered December 1st, 1888	14	10	3	27
Entered during the year	6	3	0	9
Graduated or remained at home	2	1	2	5
Registered December 1st, 1889	18	12	1	31

GENERAL MATTERS.

In previous reports I have outlined so fully the work of the several departments of the school that I deem it unnecessary to specifically refer to each of them in this publication, but it affords me pleasure to state that the educational work of these departments is being carried on efficiently and to my entire satisfaction.

Mr. Fletcher and Miss Hunter in the school department, Mr. Chisholm, Mr. Gray and Miss Sheraton in the musical department, Mr. Reid in the tuning department, Miss Creighton in the girls' work department, Mr. Baird in the boys' work department, Mr. Bowser in the technical school, and Serg.-Major Bailey in the gymnasium, form a strong staff of capable and zealous instructors, under whose tuition the blind of the

Maritime Provinces are afforded educational advantages inferior in no respect to those obtainable in similar institutions in Great Britain and the United States.

It has been my persistent aim to place this institution financially and educationally upon such a footing as would enable it to meet to the fullest extent the needs of the blind and gain for it the confidence and support of the public. In these efforts I have had the earnest co-operation of the Board of Managers, the hearty encouragement of the several provincial governments and the cordial support of every man and woman who had given the question of educating the blind the slightest consideration.

The past record of the school and the success of its graduates are well-known to the public, and I have faith to believe that it is a satisfaction to the people of these provinces to know that those who under God's providence are destined to live without the blessing of sight, have all the educational advantages that in this enlightened age can be placed within their immediate reach.

This at least is true of those who are now within the walls of the institution, but owing to the fact that we have reached the limit of our accommodation, it is evident that in order to make it true for the teachable blind of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, an effort must at once be made to so extend our present building as to provide for an additional number of pupils.

The main building, in which the school is at present located, although in many respects well adapted for the purposes for which it is used, has no special portion of it set aside for the musical department, and as a consequence the eight pianos and organs now owned by the institution are placed in the hall-ways, school-rooms or bed-rooms. This fact has only to be pointed out, to prove that additional room in this respect is urgently required. The available sleeping-room accommodation for pupils is ample for a school of 48 boys and 12 girls, but its limit has now been reached, and additional sleeping quarters have become an absolute necessity.

The interest of the public in the institution has been evidenced on the many occasions when the school has been thrown open to visitors, but the need of an assembly hall in which our many friends can be comfortably seated while listening to the exercises of the pupils, has become so apparant that the representatives of the press have on more than one occasion urged upon your Board the necessity of taking immediate steps to have the same erected. We have at present school-room accomnodation for 30 pupils, but with a further increase in our numbers an additional school-room will be required. To provide an assembly hall, music rooms and additional school-room and sleeping room accomnodation upon an adequate scale, will necessitate the crection of a building, which it is estimated will cost with heating apparatus and furniture at least \$10,000. The question is will the legislature and the public respond to an appeal for the funds necessary to carry out this work. I believe they will, I believe that when they understand that this institution will be restricted in its work and hindered in its growth unless the indicated extension is at once made, they will respond liberally to our call for assistance and will enable you within a few months to undertake the construction of at least one wing to the present building. I trust your Board will vigorously push this matter to a successful issue, and thus make it possible for us to admit as pupils all the teachable blind that may apply.

One consideration which leads me to desire that an assembly hall should be built in the new wing is that, in such a hall we should be able to place a pipe organ, and thus we could supplement the musical training of our pupils by preparing them to take positions as church organists. It is essential to the success of our graduates that they have some distinctive musical acquirement, which will at once secure them at least a livelihood, and as to the rest we can well leave that to the graduates themselves, whose thorough musical training is sure in the long run to win them success. While the health of our household throughout the year has been exceptionally good, for which we have deep cause for thankfulness, the

officials and pupils of the school have, through the death of Mr. J. S. Maclean, the late President of your Board, sustained the loss of a sincere friend and councillor. Mr. Maclean's sympathetic disposition, kind heart, and excellent judgment, fitted him in a marked degree to fulfill the duties devolving upon him as President of the Board of Managers and as one interested in the education and welfare of the blind, and his memory will ever be cherished with deep regard by those with whom he was brought in contact during the eighteen years in which he was connected with this institution.

The advantages resulting from having one well equipped Central School for the Blind is so thoroughly appreciated in the New England States, that the six governments of that section of the Republic unite in supporting the Perkins Institution, which is situated in the City of Boston. The legislatures of these States make annual appropriations towards the funds of this school, being equivalent to three hundred dollars per capitum for each pupil in attendance. In all of these States the number of the pupils for whom legislative grants were voted was formerly limited, but in recent years legislation has taken a broader scope, and the advantages of the Perkins Institution are now available to all the teachable blind youth within the confines of the New England States. This institution occupies a like position with respect to the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, and as the Government of Nova Scotia is represented upon the Board of Management I think it would be most desirable to have a representative from each of our sister provinces sit and meet with your Board. Such a step would, I believe, be in the best interests of the blind of these provinces, as it would enable the respective governments to keep a direct oversight over the pupils for whose support they have become responsible, and would make the institution better known throughout the adjoining provinces.

Although we endeavor to give our pupils such a training, as will best fit them to fight the battle of life, we recognize that the methods of educating the blind are rapidly improving

and that the occupations which they can pursue with success, are slowly but steadily increasing in number.

Among our graduates two are engaged in business, and three in manufacturing, and as years roll on I trust that we will find many of them who have marked out for themselves new pathways of usefulness, aside from the beaten tracks which have been followed by the blind during the past half century. With new fields open to inspire ambition, and with the breaking down of the public disbelief in their capacity to do well what their hands find to do, the future of the blind is far from being hopeless or dark, and the future of this institution, under these circumstances, can readily be pictured. I subjoin a few extracts from the letters of our recent graduates, which are the best testimony that I can give as to the work we are doing.

From Miss Maggie Duke, Upper Stewiacke, N. S. "I have been in Upper Stewiacke three quarters, and have now a class of eight pupils, all of whom appear satisfied with my teaching. I wish now that I had worked more diligently while in the institution, for I feel that I owe all my success to the training I received while in the school."

From Geo. Theakston, Montague Bridge, P. E. I. "Since settling in this place, upwards of a year ago, I have had twenty-five pupils, some of whom have only taken one quarter's lessons in music, while the others have continued on. I had the training of the Presbyterian choir for three months, and for the last year have been choir master in the Methodist church, and I found no difficulty in teaching those with sight either vocal or instrumental music."

From Simon Merry, Milton, Queen's County, N. S.. "I now have an agency from a Boston firm manufacturing pianos and organs, and am doing a rattling good business, and if it is ever in my power to do anything to help the institution which so effectively helped me, you may depend upon it I will do what I can."

From Charles Cole, Salmon River, N. S. "I am happy as the day is long and I have good reason for it. I have a fine

music class among fine people, and every time that I put a dollar in my pocket, I feel thankful that Mr. William Murdoch decided to leave his money towards the founding of the institution in which I received such an excellent training."

From William Malone, Halifax. "I have always striven to make an honest living and have done so."

From Ainsley Shaw, Musquodoboit, N. S. "My business is slowly but surely increasing, and I have sold thirty to forty per cent more goods this year than last. I am doing my level best to prosper, and I believe that with plenty of help from above and perseverance on my part I will succeed."

From William Porter, Falmouth. "I have done a good business as a brush maker, but believing that I can make more money I am now starting a lath and shingle factory and have no fear of failure. I used to sit in a chimney corner and mourn my loss of sight, now, thanks to you and the institution, I am leading a busy, active life, and haven't time to think whether I can or cannot see."

To the foregoing I could add many other evidences of the success of our graduates, but these will suffice at present. The question in which I am at present most interested is whether the means will be forthcoming to provide accommodation and a like training for all the blind girls and boys of these provinces who are at an age to receive it. The institution is becoming better known and parents are beginning to appreciate its advantages to one and all of those whose loss of sight prevents their attending the public schools.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Respectfully yours,

C. F. FRASER.

SCHOOL RECORD.

Number of school days in the term, 220. Possible number of marks to be obtained in the Literary or Musical Department, or for Department, 1000.

NAMES OF PUPILS.		Attendance— No. of days.	School.	Music.	Department.
<i>Senior Division.</i>					
1.	John Dunn, Advocate Harbor, Cumberland Co., N. S.	220	825	911	984
2.	Martin Fletcher, Debert, Colchester Co., N. S.	220	927	944	930
3.	Alice Gammon, Tor Bay, Guysboro' Co., N. S.	186	618	679	973
4.	Bertha Hall, Lawrencetown, Annapolis Co., N. S.	220	840	858	995
5.	Stephen Harivel, Stellarton, Pictou Co., N. S.	212	815	913	995
6.	Stephen Hulan, George's Bay, Newfoundland.	212	857		981
7.	Kate McLaughlan, Curryville, Albert Co., N. B.	220	918	885	992
8.	Isabel Staten, Foreston, Carleton Co., N. B.	220	895	921	966
9.	James Upham, Prosser's Brook, Albert Co., N. B.	220	845	876	949
10.	Agnes Valley, Chatham, Northumberland Co., N. B.	220	651	875	901
11.	Montague Warren, Montague Bridge, Kings Co., P. E. I.	210		941	952
<i>Junior Division.</i>					
1.	Phoebe Armstrong, Kempt, Hants Co., N. S.	216	515		988
2.	Beverly Campbell, Campbell Settlement, Kings Co., N.B.	200	797	709	996
3.	Frederick Campbell, Campbell, Sett., Kings Co., N. B.	200	777	723	993
4.	Isabella Durham, Springhill, Cumberland, N. S.	95	365	357	989
5.	Samuel Hussey, Bonavista Bay, Newfoundland.	220	922	827	979
6.	William Johnston, Westville, Pictou Co., N. S.	70	260		991
7.	Eunice Legge, Scot's Bay, Kings Co., N. S.	220	755	736	881
8.	Adelaide Saunders, Sandy Cove, Digby Co., N. S.	220	510		985
9.	William Sloan, Halifax City, N. S.	215	801	700	962
10.	Harriet Smith, Walton, Hants Co., N. S.	216	625		998
11.	Clifford Williston, Newcastle, Northumberland Co., N.B.	218	917	823	984
12.	Jacob Wilson, St. John City, N. B.	96	305		996

GRADUATED OR REMAINED AT HOME.

Harriet Smith, Walton, N. S.
 John Rafuse, Chester, N. S.
 John O'Donnell, Halifax City.
 Thos. Crowell, Horton Landing, N. S.
 Fred. Horton, Musquodoboit, N. S.

ENTERED DURING THE YEAR.

Freelove Kanlaack, Pine Grove, Lunenburg, N. S.
 Amelia Reddy, East Dover, Halifax Co., N. S.
 Martha Robertson, Glengarry, Pictou Co., N. S.
 Jacob Wilson, St. John, N. B.
 Frank Nixon, Aberdeen, Carleton Co., N. B.
 Ernest Chesley, Clementsport, Annapolis Co., N. S.
 Ingoald Wilson, Yarmouth, N. S.
 Edward Blackburne, Halifax City.

PRIZES.

LITERARY DEPARTMENT.

Senior Department.

1st Prize—Martin Fletcher, DeBert, Colchester Co., N. S.
2nd Prize—Kate McLanghlan, Curryville, Albert Co., N. B.

Junior Department.

1st Prize—Samuel Hussey, Bonavista Bay, Newfoundland.
2nd Prize—Clifford Williston, Northumberland Co., N. B.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

1st Prize—Martin Fletcher, Debert, Colchester Co., N. S.
2nd Prize—Montague Warren, Montague Bridge, Kings
 Co., P. E. I.

SPECIAL PRIZE GIVEN BY MRS. N. C. JAMES, FOR PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH GRAMMAR, COMPOSITION AND LITERATURE.

Isabel Staten, Foreston, Carleton Co., N. B.

Halifax School for the Blind in Account with E. D. MEYNELL, Treasurer.

1889.		1888.	
Dec. 1.	Dr.	Dec. 1.	Cr.
To paid House Expenses, including Salaries to Stevard, Matron and Servants.....	\$356 84	By Balance.....	\$ 418 90
" Salaries to Superintendent and Teachers....	1438 30	" Interest and Dividends.....	1729 48
" Repairs to Building.....	357 84	" Manufactures Sold.....	14 80
" Grounds.....	45 41	" Donations and Thanksgivng Collec.....	208 62
" Printing, Stationery and Postage.....	75 61	" Grants P. E. Island Govt.....	\$ 99 50
" Instruction in Singing and Musical Instru- ments.....	262 57	" " New Brunswick Govt.....	897 70
" Prizes.....	18 00	" Nova Scotia County and ".....	2509 50
" Sundries.....	97 98	" Legacies Mrs. W. L. Wilmot.....	\$ 250 00
" Board of Adult Pupils.....	326 60	" " Miss Elinor Smith, Sum- merville, Hants Co.....	16 75
Balance as per Bank Book.....	157 06		266 75
	<u>\$6145 25</u>		<u>\$6145 25</u>

Examined and found correct.

GEO. MITCHELL,
Auditor.

J. E. & O. E.

E. D. MEYNELL,
Treasurer.

HALIFAX, 12th Dec., 1889.

PATRONS.

By LAWS, ART. 1. The payment of five hundred dollars at one time shall constitute a Patron of the Institution.

WILLIAM CLARKE, Esq.

LIFE MEMBERS.

By LAWS, ART. 2. Donors of fifty dollars at one time, and members who have served the office of Manager not less than three consecutive years, shall be constituted life members of the Association.

Lieut.-Genl. Lord Alex. Russell,
Sir Edward Kenny,
W. J. Stairs,
J. Duffus,
William Hare,
Edward Albro,
Hon. J. W. Ritchie,
Hon. D. McN. Park,
John Doull,
Adam Burns,
Wm. Esson,
J. B. Bland,
John H. Bauld,
John Gibson,
James Scott,
Daniel Cronan,
J. Sexton,
R. B. Sexton,
G. C. Harvey,
W. C. Silver,
Stephen Tobin,
W. Compton,
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E. J. Lordly,
W. H. Stimpson,
John Farquharson,

John H. Symonds,
Jairus Hart,
Chas. Cogswell, M.P.,
E. W. Chipman,
W. H. Neal,
John Silver,
H. N. Paint,
P. Lynch,
T. V. Woolrich,
W. H. Newman,
W. H. Creighton,
T. E. Everett,
H. P. Burton,
Capt. Lowry, 67th Regt.,
Hon. John Boyd,
George Thomson,
M. H. Richey,
J. C. Mackintosh,
M. A. Buckley,
James R. Lithgow,
Sir Patrick McDougall, K.C.B.,
Lt. Thos. A. W. Cochran, R.N.,
George Mitchell,
H. H. Fuller,
E. B. Sutcliffe.

MEMBERS.

By LAWS, ART. 2. Any subscriber to the funds of the Institution to the amount of five dollars or upwards, may be constituted a member, on motion of a member of the Board of Managers, at one of their regular monthly meetings, and so continuing during the annual payment of five dollars.

Prof. Johnson,
James Farquhar,
Prof. Chas. Macdonald,
H. A. Worthington, M.A.

Mrs. C. C. Blackadar,
A. Moffatt,
A. Tremaine.

LEGACIES.

1871—Jane Molloy.....	\$ 88 87		
1872—Robert Noble.....	100 00		
1874—R. Purvis.....	100 00		
1875—James McDonald	150 00		
1876—Miss Jane M. Tonge.	20 00		
N L. West.....	800 00		
1877—J. M. Walker.....	500 00		
1878—W. L. Black.....	250 00		
1879—Charles Roche.....	100 00		
Miss Service.....	400 00		
1880—Mrs. Williamson.....	200 00		
G. Frieze.....	100 00		
Ann Wilson.....	100 00		
1881—Ann Hunter.....	20 00		
1882—John Saunders.....	416 36		
John King.....	600 00		
W. P. West.....	1000 00		
1883—Jos. Hart.....	100 00		
		Mrs. G. Dunn.....	\$ 40 00
		1884—Hugh Elliott.....	100 00
		Alex. McLeod.....	100 00
		1885—James Thomson.....	100 00
		H. Hesslein.....	100 00
		1886—S. B. Smith.....	100 00
		A. Shiels.....	553 00
		James G. Merkel.....	50 00
		1887—J. C. Macdonald.....	50 00
		W. H. Merkel.....	50 00
		Jas. A. Buist.....	500 00
		Mrs. M. J. Hamilton..	50 00
		Mrs. Jer. Northup....	200 00
		Mrs. E. Binney.....	500 00
		1888—J. W. Metzler.....	40 00
		J. U. Ross.....	50 00
		1889—Mrs. W. L. Wilmot..	250 00
		Miss E. Smith.....	16 75

FORM OF LEGACY.

I hereby give and bequeath to "the Halifax School for the Blind," Halifax, Nova Scotia, and their successors, forever, (if real estate) all that, etc., (if personal), the sum of etc., to be used for the general purposes of the Institution.

DONATIONS, 1889.

George Wallace, Spring Hill.	\$100 00		
James Farquhar.....	5 00		
The Mayor, P. O'Mullin	5 00		
A. Moffatt, Amherst	5 00		
Prof. J. Johnson.....	5 00		
A Friend, Amherst.....	25 00		
		Mrs. Lawrence, Margaree, C.B.	2 00
		" 2nd Don.....	2 00
		T. B. Aikins, D.C.L., 1888..	20 00
		C. McDonald.....	5 00
		A. Tremain.....	5 00
		Mrs. C. C. Blackadar, 1888..	5 00

THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS, ETC.. 1889.

Noel Presbyterian Congregation..	\$ 6 37
St. Andrew's Church, Truro, 1888.....	10 00
St. Andrew's Church, Truro, 1889.....	10 00
United Church, New Glasgow.....	83 75
Kirk, Glengary, Pictou, per Rev. P. Melville.....	5 00
Presbyterian Church, Hopewell, per Rev. M. Morrison.....	8 50

CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE BAND FUND.

D. H. Reid.....	\$ 1 00		
G. Hensley.....	1 00		
C. A. West.....	1 00		
Col. Wainwright.....	1 00		
Collected by—			
Mrs. Lawson.....	8 45		
Miss Sadie Fletcher.....	4 75		
Miss Minna Cornelius.....	4 50		
Miss Mary Ellwood.....	10 25		
Miss Brown.....	10 00		
Miss Maggie Duke.....	5 00		
Miss Jane Gillis.....	10 50		
Miss J. C. McNeil.....	4 10		
		Miss Una Legg.....	\$1 15
		Miss Bertha Hall.....	6 00
		Miss Kate MacLaughlan.....	9 50
		Miss Isabella Durham.....	5 50
		Frederick Campbell.....	4 80
		Clifford Williston.....	2 90
		Stephen Hulan.....	50
		William Porter.....	10 00
		Stephen Harivel.....	6 00
		Montague Warren.....	2 00
		Friends in Fredericton.....	3 00
		Total.....	\$112 40

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall, conformable to the Amended Act of Incorporation, 30 Victoria, C. 50, be styled, "THE HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND."

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

All original subscribers to the fund for erecting the Asylum for the Blind within the City of Halifax shall be and continue members of this Association, as long as they contribute the sum of one dollar or upwards to the support of the Institution.

Any subscriber to the funds of the Institution to the amount of five dollars or upwards may be constituted a member of the Board of Managers at one of their regular monthly meetings, and so continue during his annual payment of five dollars.

Donors of fifty dollars at one time, and members who have served the office of Manager not less than three consecutive years, shall thereby be constituted life members of the Association.

Payment of five hundred dollars at one time shall constitute a patron of the Association.

Patrons and members shall have the right of voting at the annual election of Managers, and shall themselves be eligible.

ARTICLE III.—MANAGEMENT.

The Management of the Institution shall be entrusted to a Board of twelve members, who shall choose from their own number a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary.

An annual meeting for the election of the Board of Management shall be held on such day of the second week of the last month of the year as the Board of Managers may appoint, due notice thereof being given in two at least of the Halifax newspapers. Any number of

persons present in a half-hour from the time named in such notice shall be a quorum for the election of Managers, and the transaction of any business to be passed upon at such annual meeting ; but any five members then present may, if they shall deem the business to require it, demand an adjournment to some other day or hour within one week therefrom, and the same shall stand adjourned accordingly, and the business so postponed shall at the first adjourned meeting be first taken up and finally disposed of.

If for any reason the election of Managers be, pursuant to the foregoing provision or otherwise, postponed, the Managers of the preceding year shall hold office until the new Board be elected.

The Board of Managers shall have power to supply vacancies occurring therein between the periods of the annual elections.

At the annual meeting the votes shall be taken by ballot, and the first twelve persons named on a list made in the order of the number of votes given for them respectively, beginning with the largest number of votes so on to the least, shall constitute the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IV.—BY-LAWS.

The power of making, amending and repealing by laws, and regulations for their own guidance and the government of the Institution, and the appointment and removal of all officers, and regarding salaries and allowances, is vested in the Board of Management, but no by-law once passed shall be altered or repealed except on a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board present at a regular monthly meeting thereof, and after notice of such alteration or repeal given at next preceding monthly meeting.

ARTICLE V.—AMENDMENTS.

The foregoing articles, together with the provisions contained in the Act of Incorporation, are declared to be the Constitution of the "Halifax School for the Blind," and no alteration shall be made therein except by a vote of two-thirds of the persons present at an annual meeting of the Corporation upon the recommendation of the Board of Managers, of which at least one month's notice in writing shall be given to the patrons and members, individually, by letter addressed to the patron or member, and mailed at Halifax, or left at his place of business or abode.

BY-LAWS.

BOARD OF MANAGERS' MEETING.

I.—STATED MEETINGS.

The Board shall hold a stated meeting at the Institution on the first Monday of every month, except when such Monday shall fall on a public holiday, then on the day following, and at such hours as they may from time to time appoint.

II.—SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special Meetings may be convened by request of the President or three members of the Board, the time, place, and object to be specified in such request, and inserted in the notice of meeting by the Secretary.

At least twenty-four hours' notice of special meeting shall be given, and no business other than that specified in the notice shall be transacted.

III.—QUORUM

Five of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

IV.—PRESIDING OFFICER.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which he may be present, and shall be *ex officio* member of all standing committees. In his absence the Vice-President shall represent him, as well as standing committees at the Board. In the absence of both President and Vice-President from any meeting of the Board, the chair shall be taken by the first named on the list of Managers present at the hour for commencing business.

V.—COMMITTEES

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Board of Managers at the first meeting in each year :—

(1) *Finance*—

A Committee of Finance, consisting of the President Treasurer and four members of the Board, whose duty it shall be to devise and recommend ways and means for securing and preserving the financial prosperity of the Institution, to examine and certify the correctness of the Treasurer's annual report and at the end of every year prepare and submit a full and clear report of the financial condition of the Institution.

Every Standing Committee shall from time to time furnish the Committee of Finance with such information as they may require, and particularly before the close of every year with a full inventory of all the property in their respective departments.

(2) *Instruction*—

A Committee of Instruction, consisting of four members of the Board, who shall have supervision of the Educational Department, and shall enquire from time to time into the methods pursued in the instruction of the blind in other places.

(3) *Manufactures*—

A Committee of three on Manufactures to supervise the Manufacturing Department, supply that department with raw material, and dispose of the articles manufactured.

(4) *House*—

A House Committee on Supplies, Repairs and Improvements, to have supervision of all matters connected with the supply of provisions, clothing and other necessities; the regulation of the domestic arrangements of the Institution, and care of the building and grounds.

(5) *General Duties*—

Each Standing Committee shall visit the Institution at least once a month and arrange for one of their number to do so weekly. They shall have the entire and conclusive control, subject only to the full Board, over the department allotted to them; shall keep a book in the Institution, in which all their proceedings shall be entered, and especially all requisitions, instructions and orders given to the Superintendent or other officers shall be clearly set down therein, for the prevention of any misunderstanding regarding the same. The Chairman shall be bound to see that the duties of his committee are in every respect fully performed, and shall furnish the Board whenever required with the minutes of their proceedings, and all other information required.

VI—DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and securities belonging to the Institution, and shall be *ex officio* a member of the Committee of Finance; shall deposit all moneys of the Institution, and pay by cheques drawn thereon all bills certified by the Chairman of any Standing Committee. He shall present at every stated meeting in each year a full report for the year, and in such forms as the Board may prescribe.

VII.—DUTIES OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Institution and submit the same at each stated meeting of the Board. He shall file at the Institution all letters received by him or the Board, and copies of all letters written by him, and keep the same under his charge for the exclusive use of the Board.

VIII.—DUTIES OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Board, and enter the same in Book of Minutes; shall prepare and issue all notices required in conducting the business of the Institution; and communicate all resolutions of the Board to the Committee or officer affected thereby.

He shall have the custody of the seal, and use the same only as directed by the Board of Managers.

He shall see that all by-laws of the Institution are properly recorded in a book kept for that purpose; shall file at the Institution all reports and papers submitted to the Board or placed in his custody, and safely keep them for the exclusive use of the Board.

Whenever the Secretary is mentioned in any by-law, resolution or other proceedings, it shall mean the Recording Secretary.

In his absence the Managers shall appoint one of their number to act *pro tempore*.

IX.—ADMISSION OF PUPILS.

(1) *General Terms*—

Young blind persons of good moral character between the ages of ten and twenty-one, may be admitted to the institution in accordance with the provisions of the Acts in relation to the Education of the Blind, in Chap. 17, Act of 1882, and Amendment thereto, passed 1883, which shall entitle them to free education in the Institution.

Their friends may visit them at reasonable times under the regulation of the Board.

(2) *Day Scholars*—

The Board may, at their discretion, receive pay scholars upon such terms and conditions as they may prescribe.

(3) *Forms, &c.*,

Applications for admission must be addressed to the Recording Secretary, at the Asylum, and made upon the forms and in accordance with the directions prescribed by the Board.

AN ACT

IN RELATION TO THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :

1. The parents or guardian of any blind person between the age of ten and twenty-one years, who has, under the provisions of Chap. 33 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 4th Series, a settlement within any County or District of the Provinces incorporated by Chap. I., Statutes of 1879, may apply to the Warden of such Municipality for an order for the admission of such person into the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, which order the Warden shall at once grant under his hand and the Corporate Seal of the Municipality on being satisfied that such blind person is between the ages above prescribed, and has a legal settlement in the Municipality.

2. Such order shall entitle a blind person named therein to be received into the Halifax Asylum for the Blind and subject to conditions hereinafter described, to be educated and boarded therein, during the school terms. Pupils under thirteen years of age when entering the school shall be entitled to remain seven years; those entering between the ages of thirteen and seventeen shall be entitled to remain five years, and those between the ages of seventeen and twenty-one years to remain three years.

3. For every blind person received into the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, pursuant to this Act, and educated and boarded therein, the Board of Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind shall be entitled to receive from the Provincial Treasurer at the rate of Sixty Dollars per annum, payable half-yearly, and also to receive at the same rate from the County School Fund of the Municipality to which the said blind person belongs. When such Municipality shall not comprise an entire County, the last-mentioned grant of Sixty dollars shall be charged against the County School Funds of both Districts included within the County in proportion to the amounts of their respective school allowance derived from the County School Fund.

4. It shall be the duty of the Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind to furnish semi-annually to the Council of Public Instruction full returns of the names, ages, residences, &c., of the pupils in respect of whom the above grants may be claimed.

5. In the semi-annual apportionment of the County School Fund the Superintendent of Education shall include the amounts due the Managers of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, and issue drafts therefor on the Treasury of the respective Municipalities.

6. The Provincial Secretary shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board of Managers of the Asylum for the Blind.

7. In the case of an incorporated city or town within the Province in which any such blind person as is designated in the first Section of this Act has a legal settlement, an allowance to the Board of Managers of the said Asylum of Sixty Dollars per annum may be assessed upon the inhabitants of the said city or town, in case such city or town does not contribute to or draw from the County School Fund, and in such case said sum shall be paid to the said Managers for each such blind person sent to the said Asylum, and each such blind person shall be admitted to said Asylum in the manner prescribed in the first section of this Act, the Chief Executive officer of the Corporation exercising the powers therein conferred upon the Warden of the Municipality: and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the Provincial Treasury, for such blind person for which such city or town contributes such allowance, the sum of Sixty Dollars in like manner as is provided in the third Section of this Act.

(See Amended Acts of 1884 and 1884.)

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, ACTS OF 1882, ENTITLED: "AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND."

(Passed by the Legislature of April, 1885.)

Section 1. Sec. 7 and clause substituted.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:

1. Section 7 of Chapter 17, of the Acts of 1882, is hereby repealed and following substituted:

In the case of any incorporated city or town within the province in which any blind person, as is designated in the first section of this Act, has a legal settlement, and which city or town does not contribute to or draw from the County School Fund, there shall be paid by such city or town to the Board of Managers of the said Asylum an allowance of Seventy-five Dollars per annum, and such sum shall form part of the general assessment of such city or town for each such blind person sent to the said Asylum: and each such blind person sent to the said Asylum shall be admitted to the said Asylum in the manner prescribed in the first section of the Act hereby amended, the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation exercising the power therein conferred upon the Warden of the Municipality: and there shall be paid to the said Managers from the Provincial Treasury for each such blind person for which such city or town contributes such allowance, the sum of Seventy Five Dollars in like manner as is provided in the third section of the Act hereby amended.

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE HALIFAX ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND.

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that an institution for the reception, maintenance and education of blind persons should be established in the City of Halifax, and it is desirable that such institution should be founded and carried on by individual enterprise and voluntary association :

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows :

1. When it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor-in-Council, that not less than twelve persons have associated themselves for the above object, and subscribed the sum of twelve thousand dollars, and paid thereon into the hands of the Treasurer, by them appointed, the sum of two thousand dollars, the Governor-in-Council shall by proclamation, declare this Act to have come into operation, and thereupon immediately thereafter, such persons, and all such other persons as shall from time to time become associated with them, their successors and assigns, shall be and are hereby incorporated into a company and declared to be a body corporate by the name of "The Halifax Asylum for the Blind," and by that name shall have succession and be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, defending and being defended in all courts and places whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits, matters, complaints, and causes whatsoever; may have and use a common seal, and may change and alter the same at their pleasure; and shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding and conveying any real and personal estate for the purposes of this incorporation, and none other, which shall not exceed the annual value of ten thousand dollars.

2. For the better carrying into effect the objects of the said incorporation, there shall annually be elected twelve persons, who shall constitute a Board of Managers, who shall have power to conduct and manage all its concerns, the Managers to be elected by ballot at an annual meeting of the members of the Society, to hold their offices for one year, or until others be elected in their places; the said election to be held at such times and places as the said corporations shall by their by-laws from time to time appoint and direct; the aforesaid Managers shall be elected by a majority of the members present at such election; and in case of any vacancy or vacancies in the said Board of Managers, by death, resignation or otherwise, then the said Board shall have power to fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next annual election.

3. The Board of Managers shall as soon after the annual election as shall be convenient, proceed to elect by ballot, from among their own number, a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and two Secretaries, who shall serve for one year, or until others are elected in their room; and the first election of Managers and Officers shall take place on a day to be fixed by the Governor-in-Council, in the proclamation aforesaid.

4. The Board of Managers, so elected as aforesaid, shall have full power to make such by-laws as from time to time may be necessary, relative to the management, disposition of the estate and concerns of the said corporation, and regulations of the persons exercising the offices aforesaid, not contrary to law, and may appoint such agents and servants as may be deemed necessary to transact the business of the said corporation, and designate their duties.

5. It shall be lawful for the City of Halifax to transfer by deed duly executed to the "Halifax Asylum for the Blind," either by way of gift or for valuable consideration, any land hereditaments now vested in the said City of Halifax, either by Act of this Province or by purchase, so that the value of such land and hereditaments shall not exceed in the whole the sum of twelve thousand dollars.

6. The Managers of the said Institution shall, on or before the first day of February in each year, make a full report to the Governor-in-Council of their proceedings.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT TO INCORPORATE THE HALIFAX ASYLUM
FOR THE BLIND.

(Passed the 15th day of April, A.D. 1881.)

WHEREAS, it has been deemed advisable to change the name of the Halifax Asylum for the Blind, which was incorporated under that name by Chapter 50 of the Acts of the Province, passed in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven;

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Assembly, as follows:

1. The Halifax Asylum for the Blind shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be called and known as "The Halifax School for the Blind," which name shall be the corporate name of the Institution, which shall be used and have effect in all respects, and for all purposes as fully as if such name had been inserted in the original act of incorporation.

2. All gifts, grants, deeds, conveyances, leases, agreements, devices, bequests; contracts, payments, reckonings, dealings and

transactions, to, by, with, for, or on account of the said institution before the passing of this Act, shall be, remain and continue and inure to the benefit of the said "The Halifax School for the Blind," as fully as though the name, "The Halifax School for the Blind," had been used or specified in said gifts, grants, deeds, conveyances, leases, agreements, devices, bequests, contracts, payments, reckonings, dealings and transactions.

4. The said Act, as hereby amended, shall stand and remain valid and effectual in all other respects.



